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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 7 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. The amendment filed on July 05, 2005, electing claims 1-7 and canceling all claims drawn to the non-elected invention (8-24), is hereby acknowledged.

Claim Objections

2. Claim 7 is objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c), as being of improper dependent form for failing to further limit the subject matter of a previous claim. Applicant is required to cancel the claim, or amend the claim to place the claim in proper dependent form. Claim 1 recites an "elongated first portion": "Elongated" suggests the growing in length of one dimension, which requires that at least one dimension is longer than the other. However, claim 7, which depends on claim 1, defines the first portion as having "circular shape". "Circular" suggests a round shape, which appears contradicting to the "elongated" shape recited in claim 1 upon which claim 7 depends. To obviate this objection, it is suggested that "circular" be changed to "elongated circular".

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

3. Claim 5 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. It is fundamentally incorrect to recite that the Fe-alloy is selected from materials that none contains Fe. It is suggested that the claim be amended to contain the phrase "wherein said Fe alloy comprises Fe and at least one element selected from the group consisting of", or similar language.

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Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

5. Claims 1-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by the '388 Moro patent (US 6,940,388).

Claim 1: The '388 Moro patent teaches a dust core consists of a soft magnetic powder and an insulating binder (col. 2, lines 43-46). The insulating binder is present preferably in an amount from 0.3 to 5.0 wt % (col. 5, lines 10-13).

Claim 2: The '388 Moro patent also discusses an amount of insulating binder less than 0.3wt% (col. 5, lines 13-15). "Disclosure of composition of matter in reference may be anticipatory even though reference indicates that composition is not preferred or even that it is unsatisfactory for intended purpose". In re Nehrenberg (CCPA), 129 USPQ 383.

Claim 3: See col. 2, lines 43-46.

Claims 4 and 5: See col. 3, lines 17-23.

Claim 6: See col. 3, lines 40-43.

Claim 7: See col. 3, lines 28-38.

6. References not relied upon are cited as pertinent art. All references teach particles of

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soft magnetic material coated with an insulating material comprising preferably silicone resin.

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to H. T. Le whose telephone number is 571-272-1511. The examiner can normally be reached on 10:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Mondays to Fridays.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Carol Chaney can be reached on 571-272-1284. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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